

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 4-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new dependent claims 10-24 have been provided. Claim 10 presents the combined subject matter of original dependent claims 2 and 3. The remaining new dependent claims relate to the subject matter of the canceled dependent claims, but without using multiple dependency. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

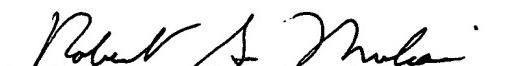
Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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